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**WEST COAST ITEMS.**

—A telegram of the 6th from Guayaquil says that the insurance companies are paying their losses in full on account of the late disastrous fire.

—The new President of Chile, in his message to congress, guarantees complete liberty of elections. We would recommend this as one of the thoughtful consideration of Gov. Campos Sales.

—A Santiago telegram of the 8th announces the resignation of the Zañartu cabinet, which has been accepted. This was caused by the deputies refusing to vote the budget while this cabinet remained in power.

—In the Chilean congress the government has a small majority in the senate and the opposition a small majority in the chamber. The prime minister on the 6th informed the latter body that the government would not consider itself at the mercy of a hostile majority of three votes in that house as long as it enjoyed the confidence of the senate.

**RIVER PLATE ITEMS.**

—A report is current in Buenos Aires that Sarah Bernhardt will visit that city next season.

—On All-Soul's day Admiral Saldanha da Gama's grave at Rivera was profusely decorated with flowers.

—The press of Montevideo is said to be opposed to the projected revolution and says that no matter how bad the government may be the people will not take up arms to overthrow it.

—An officer may have a soldier beaten to death and suffer no great inconvenience, but let a schoolmaster thrash an unruly boy and the nation is aroused, law is outraged and the pedagogue is thrown into prison.—Buenos Aires Herald. And it is quite as true in Brazil as in Argentina.

—An American exchange says:—"Buenos Aires has now a population of nearly 991,000, and a death rate of 21.13 per 1,000 of the population." How these figures were arrived at no one can know. But that they are absolutely unreliable, few will care to dispute.

—According to official returns there were 1,456 marriages, 7,760 births and 4,419 deaths in Buenos Aires during the three months ending Sept. 30. Among the causes of death were: typhus 31, diphtheria and croup 44, small-pox 21, measles 8, scarlet fever 19, tuberculosis 305, bronchitis and pneumonia 331.

—It will surprise our readers to know that hard wood railway sleepers are actually being imported into this country from Australia, but such is the case. Quebracho sleepers cost \$1.50 gold while those from Australia can be imported for \$1.25 gold each and soon a cargo will be landed.—Buenos Aires Herald.

—The Times of Buenos Aires says that "it is found that monkeys are very fond of locusts and eat great numbers of them with great relish." Our colleague then asks how it would be were the government to import a few thousands of monkeys to check the locust plague. Splendid! And this is just the opportunity for—but stop! It's a good scheme, but it won't do to put it in print. The Times may look for a private communication on the subject.

—It is to be expected of a congress that deems it wise to persecute foreign insurance companies that it would for the benefit of a small and powerful sugar trust tax all the people who use sugar. Such a congress is a public danger, a menace to liberty and the constitution, and a disreputable horde of cheap masqueraders, with whom are a few able, decent and honest men who are quite ashamed of their company. Some day, the people will remember these their enemies and will manage to get even with them.—B. A. Herald.

—The sugar bonny project now to be sent to congress is the most iniquitous outrage on the public of all the outrages which have been perpetrated in the name of the law. It is an outrage on the constitutional provision for the uniformity and equality of taxation and on the common people, who should arise in their might and so speak that even a venal congress could hear and fear. It is shameful that any thing should have the supreme impudence to ask for such an outrageous impost.—Buenos Aires Herald.

—The young men of the republic who have brains and pluck should inaugurate a movement to reform the constitution and do away with the provincial governments, which are useless, mischievous, costly and hotbeds of corruption. We have 4,500,000 people, and to govern them we have 15 executive establishments, each one being as elaborate as that of the British empire, 15 senates and chambers of deputies, 15 judicial departments, and all the machinery for 15 governments, any of which should be able to govern a population not so large by a million as that of London. It is all very ridiculous.—Buenos Aires Herald.

—The large sums of money voted by the national government for the destruction of the locusts might be used to better advantage or at least in a more just manner. The commission appointed to see that proper work is done in the exterminating line visited a poor man in San Fernando the other day who had six squares planted to maize already sown, and compelled him to plough up the entire field in order to destroy the eggs of the locusts, under a penalty of paying a fine of \$500. The commission refused to pay the poor farmer a cent for his labor or for the loss of his maize crop.—Buenos Aires Herald.

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**THE CRISIS.**

They say that at our theatres matters are in a very bad state. The crisis, through which, thanks to the incapacity of those who govern us, we are now passing, has extended to the play-houses. It is even asserted that one company reduced the pay of its actors 35%.

After all there is nothing extraordinary in this. Everything is at famine prices, and loans and carmen have become luxuries. People are all reducing their expenses, though parliament continues to squander and to cost as a mint of money. Men who formerly walked half a dozen suits of clothing per annum now wear only one and wear patched trousers.

Lulu Junior (LUIZ DE CASTRO)  
 in the *Gazeta de Notícias*, of  
 Nov. 7.

To the lack of meat in the bill of fare of the poorer classes of Rio de Janeiro, who see prices rise day by day, is now added the lack of fiscal, which, if the crisis continues, will be found only on the tables of the favored few.

The civil is general and affects every one except the *patibulo*, who, as prices rise, obtain an increase in their salaries and well-paid special commissions invented for their advantage without the slightest benefit to the country, with whose financial situation they are entirely inconsistent.

The despair of the working and producing classes is aggravated by increased taxation intended to meet new expenses and not to reduce the deficit in the budget, which continues to grow, rendering more and more distressing and critical the situation, whose improvement no one can safely predict.

To-day several bakers announced through the press to their customers that, in consequence of the high price of flour, they can no longer furnish *provena* loaves and are obliged to raise the price of other kinds of bread which they sell.

It is easy to imagine the despair of the people, thus condemned to be deprived of both bread and meat, two of the most common articles of food.

From the *Gazeta da Tarde*, Nov. 7.

Montevideo, Nov. 7.

Some of the *Plat* journals publish telegrams from Rio, stating that new failures are expected.

From the *Journal do Commercio*, Nov. 8.

We have received the report presented at the general meeting of the shareholders of the Banco Rural e Hypothecario. In spite of the general commercial crisis which has prevailed here, the position of the bank could not be safer or more prosperous.

From the *Pais*, Nov. 9.

No one can assert that our situation will be improved by the issue of paper money, or by adding to gambling in exchange gambling in gold, as will be the case if merchants have to pay in gold 40% of the duties. No one can assert that our situation will be improved by a decrease in customs receipts. And they certainly will decrease, because a high tariff will reduce the amount of transactions, because low exchange will produce the same effect, because a high tariff, low exchange and the increased cost of living will stimulate smuggling and fraud, and because merchants, having to employ part of their capital in importing gold, will have less to employ in importing merchandise.

From the *Gazeta de Notícias*, Nov. 9.

So far as we are able to gather from reliable sources, the crisis in Brazil has not been overestimated in spite of the fierce denials which the native papers and the government of that country have flung about. In fact that famous telegram to the London *Times* seems to have just about hit the mark in so far as the truth of the matter was concerned.

From the *Times*, Buenos Aires, Oct. 24.

The capitalists in Europe know the grave financial situation of Brazil as well as the bankers and Brazilian merchants who are here. The situation is not a secret; everybody is talking about it. *L'Economiste Français*, in a late number, says that the Brazilian funds are as unstable as the whole country. And how is it that correspondents can conceal the crisis through which we are passing, when the *Journal do Commercio* itself and the members of the *letered congress* openly speak of it in terms clear and precise? Is this crisis therefore due to the agitations of foreigners? Certainly not. The foreigners who criticize the bad administration of the government and of its finances are generally laborious citizens, who contribute by their industry to the public well-being. They do not overt public offices, but they desire to see Brazil prosperous and happy, developing her rich resources, and occupying the first place among the nations of South America.

From *A Opinião*, S. Paulo, Nov. 1.

Reuter's Agency has received the following statement from Senhor J. A. de Azevedo Castro, delegate of the Brazilian treasury in London:—"A rumor having been put about by some newspapers that it has been proposed in Brazil to pay the interest on the four per cent conversion loan of 1889 in Brazilian currency, which, on account of the fall in the interests in gold, I am officially authorized to state that such a thing has never been proposed, and that in the budget for 1897 the necessary provisions have been entered for the service of the internal and external debt, as usual."

From *Financial News*, Oct. 20.

5.—To pay the equivalent in paper at the exchange of the day, the 4 per cent gold interest on the *aplicação* (bonds) converted from 5 to 4 per cent.

(Art. 2, par. 5, general revenue bill for 1897, as passed in 2nd discussion.)

According to the telegram of the *Times* correspondent in reference to the financial situation—described as a crisis—in Brazil, the remedies mentioned as proposed were (1) a moratorium; (2) the transfer of bonds in the treasury to secure loans in Europe, such loans being in the treasury as guarantee of the note circulation of the Banco da República; and (3) a further issue of currency. The moratorium project, we learn, has been dismissed from consideration. The being represented as quite uncalculated for. The reference to the bank in the treasury being set aside to the security of the London loans calls for some explanation of what the position is. In 1889, at the time that the London four per cent conversion loan was issued, there was created in Brazil itself the nominal amount of £11,250,000 of internal gold four per cent bonds of 1889. The internal issue was placed in Rio in September 1889, in bonds of £112,100, nominal, or 1,000 milreis, at 27½ per milreis. To a very large extent, however, the bonds after having been placed, came again into the Treasury, when the banks were authorized in 1890 and 1891 to issue notes against the deposit of gold or government stock in the treasury. The regulation was that the four banks fused into the Banco da República should be authorized to have notes in circulation to the extent of three to one in gold, and that other banks should have power to emit notes in the proportion of two of notes to one of gold.

Now it is simply proposed that the bonds, ear-marked as security for the note issue, shall be diverted to a guarantee of the external debt. The curious financial notions existent in Brazil may be gauged from the fact that it is calmly proposed to ear-mark as security for the external debt the bonds already ear-marked to the note circulation, and simultaneously there is the talk of alienating the financial stores by expanding the note issue. Who will wonder this, with such a loose system of conducting affairs, the existent note circulation, approximately 60,000,000 of milreis, say at 27½, the equivalent of £2,770,000—of which 340,000,000 milreis are government notes—has so depreciated that the paper note commands in exchange value of less than one third of the nominal par value, the exchange at the present time being 8 11/16d., as against the nominal exchange of 27½ in the milreis. The idea of the government in fixing the deposit of gold with it in the proportion of 3 to 1 or 2 to 1 of note circulation, if rigidly adhered to, was an excellent one; but it is a case of *quis custodiet custodes*.

From *The Statist*, Oct. 17.

That a crisis in the finances of Brazil was inevitable has been pointed out by *The Financial News* ever since the republican party in that country entered upon the policy which now seems to have ended in disaster. A full granting a six months moratorium has been presented to congress, and a revenue bill for the increase of a taxation which is already intolerable. By those and other as yet shadowy expedients it is hoped to discover some means of dealing with the national finances, and with the service on a debt which is put at close upon £1,000,000,000. But nothing that Brazil may do, or that may be done for her, will avail to place the national finances on a sound basis unless a policy of permanent retrenchment and reform is entered upon. As long as deficits are allowed to accumulate year after year, and a continuance of special credits and reckless borrowing is the only policy which Brazilian statesmen can formulate, Brazil will never rise again to her old position as a welcome borrower in the London markets. A correspondent, who remarks we point elsewhere, contends that the misfortune of Brazil is to be attributed to her abandonment of the responsible statesmen of the empire in favor of the political adventurers of the republic. Whether this is so or not, it is at least certain that Brazil under Dom Pedro was what more recent rulers have never yet succeeded in making her—a prosperous and tranquil nation. Doubtless Dr. Prudente de Moraes has done his best in the exceedingly difficult circumstances in which he has been placed, and with the heritage of trouble which Fonseca and Peixoto had bequeathed to him. But he is not a strong man; and it is essentially the strong man who is needed in Brazil now to secure for the country the internal tranquility and the thoroughgoing retrenchment which can alone place the national affairs once more on a solid and stable foundation.

From *Financial News*, Oct. 12.

It has been proposed that the interest on the Brazilian four per cent gold loan (1889) shall be paid in currency. This means, of course, that holders would get something under 2 per cent, instead of the present 4 per cent. The *Rio News* emphatically condemns the proposal, which it declares would, if adopted, amount to a breach of contract. Whether that be so or not, the serious consideration of any such scheme could hardly fail to cause a heavy fall in the bonds affected, if not in the kindred securities. In the meantime, the action of the Chamber of Deputies in presenting a petition to the President asking for the expulsion of the *Times* correspondent is a pretty fair illustration of Brazilian methods.

From *Financial News*, Oct. 17.

Naturally, the Brazilian officials assure us that the financial trouble at Rio has been "greatly exaggerated"; but their assurances must be received with great caution. Brazilian officials are shifty customers. My information is that the trouble is quite as bad as it has been represented, and that there is worse ahead. The currency question alone constitutes a formidable difficulty, and that is not by any means the only one with which the government has to contend. The enormous expenses of the country have for some time past been growing more and more involved; and thanks to the *Financial News*, English investors have had abundant warning of the crash which seems to be now near at hand.

"Midas" in *Financial News*, Oct. 17.





discredit to the country, the people promptly rejected the whole scheme and with such an overwhelming majority that there can be no mistake about it. They have buried Bryan and his sophistries so deep that we shall probably never hear from them again. And it is significant that the victory is not one of party, but of principle. Both parties were divided on the question, but it so happened that the gold standard men were a majority in the republican party and they accordingly chose their candidates and platform in the interests of that principle. Many prominent republicans at once withdrew from the party and thousands from its rank and file voted for the free silver candidates. On the other side, the free silver advocates succeeded in capturing the democratic convention and in choosing candidates and platform representing the most extreme views of free silver coinage and populism. This split the party and drove a very large percentage of it into the republican ranks. Mr. McKinley therefore owes his election to the united efforts of the sound money men of both parties, and his enormous majority is composed of democratic as well as republican votes. Practically he was elected by the better elements of the whole people, and not by one particular party. He can not ignore the circumstance that he does not represent a party, and that it will be a serious mistake were he to seek the promotion of partizan interests. He was not chosen to promote his favorite theories of high protection, for there were multitudes of free traders among those who voted for him. Under such circumstances it would be a mistake for him to urge further protective measures upon congress. He is elected to maintain the public credit and to guarantee stability in money values, and that is the great work set apart for him to do.

#### A CURIOUS DEFENCE.

On Sunday last the editor—or director, as he prefers to be called—of the *Jornal do Commercio* published his reply to the parallel to which we called attention in our last issue. He admits that he criticised the "corruption of some employes of high rank," but denies that he was hostile to Gen. Grant. He also denies that he sought to have us expelled from Brazil, and says that it was not our opinions but the "false telegram" to the *Times* that he had attacked, and that only once before, in the case of the Trindade discussion, had he undertaken to call us to order. In this, as in the present case, he assumes that the editor of this paper was guilty of deliberate falsehood, and he shows no compunction in saying so.

As for the truth or falsity of Dr. Rodrigues work as editor of *O Novo Mundo* and as correspondent of the *Jornal do Commercio*, we have nothing to do with it in this discussion. We sought to establish the fact that he exercised the fullest liberty of criticism while a resident of New York, and as he admits this there is no need of further argument. If he exercised that privilege, even to the extent of discussing the "corruption of some employes of high rank," how is it that he seeks to throw odium on an American exercising the same privilege, by virtue of the highest law of the country, while residing in this city? It is idle to say that it was the *Times* correspondent whom he censured, for he repeatedly asserted that the editor of this paper is said correspondent, and he repeatedly quoted from the columns of this paper to prove that its editor was engaged in a campaign of systematic defamation. From October 14th to October 17th the *Jornal* devoted about one column a day to this task, and when its director now says that he never "occupied himself with such opinions" (those of *The Rio News*), he asserts what he knows to be false and what his own paper proves to be false. The attack was personal in character, full of charges of "falseness," "defamation," and insulting insinuations. And it was an attack so unscrupulous in character, so malignant and venomous, and so devoid of all courtesy and honesty that even many of his best friends were repelled by it.

As for the denial that he sought to have us expelled from the country, what did Dr. Rodrigues mean when he wrote (Oct. 15th): "What is seen in everything the *Rio News* writes is profound hatred for this country which has tolerated so much and for so long a time?" To be sure he repented the following day—or pretended to do so—and hypocritically protested against expulsion, after having driven two deputies to demand that

penalty and the government to seriously consider it; but he couched his protest in terms so insulting and so devoid of even the commonest courtesy, that no one took it seriously.

His main defence however is based on the falsity of the *Times* telegram. But was it false? It stated that the situation was critical—which was true; that it was reported that 300 applications in bankruptcy had been made—which was true; that many important firms were embarrassed—which was true; that the banks were restricting operations—which was true; that a moratorium bill had been presented in congress—which was true; that an increase in taxes in the revenue budget was proposed—which was true; and that the government was helpless and congress incompetent—which was also true! Now where is the "falsity"? The only falsehoods in the whole matter are to be charged to Dr. Rodrigues himself. He accused us of saying that there had been a "general increase" (*augmentação geral*) in taxation—which was maliciously false; he says that we have systematically defamed this country—which is contemptibly false; and he himself telegraphed to the *Times* that the only increase proposed in customs duties was on beer—which was deliberately and absurdly false. In fact, this tempest in a teapot was nothing but an ill-tempered personal attack on the editor of this paper because of unfavorable news from London in regard to business transactions with London Messrs. Dumont and Rodrigues were not strangers. This was virtually confessed in the *Jornal* of October 17th.

As for the "300 applications in bankruptcy," that subject has been pretty well thrashed out already. The statement was first made October 3rd, and was afterwards repeated. Its authors were two prominent and respectable lawyers. And it was repeated everywhere in the street by respectable business men. And yet not one word of denial ever appeared in the *Jornal*, or any other paper, until October 14th, eleven days after its first publication here and four days after it appeared in London. Wonderful is the patriotism, surely, which can overlook so serious an assertion until a personal grievance arises! It reflects as much credit on the *Jornal do Commercio* as did Dr. Rodrigues' previous attack on us, when he had to invent opinions and assertions for us in order to find an excuse for his thunderbolts. We proved his assertions false at the time, and he dropped the subject, but now he resurrects them and seeks to make capital out of them again! He is welcome to all the credit he can get out of such journalistic forays, for neither one of them has added to his reputation as a journalist, nor improved his reputation as a man.

Before concluding he tells us, somewhat defiantly it would appear, that we can not close his mouth by trying to shift our responsibility upon his shoulders. Let him rest in peace; we shall never make such a mistake. We can better carry our own responsibilities, than José Carlos Rodrigues can carry his. From a man in his position we might expect courtesy and consideration, but we are no longer deluding ourselves in that respect. Of one thing, however, he can be fully assured: we are not looking to him for instruction either in journalism or in morals, and some day, should he continue his policy of abusive and slanderous criticism, we shall feel compelled to tell him why. We do not claim to be infallible in our work, nor have we any objection to public criticism, but we do object to the corsair method of ascribing to us bad motives and perverted statements.

#### LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Oct. 16.—*Senate*.—The senate voted in 3rd discussion the bill fixing the pay of members of the next congress, with an amendment striking out the provision for free passage on the government railways. The appropriation of 40,000\$ for the tribunal of accounts and that of 27,398\$75 for paying Dr. Pinho Borges were also voted in 3rd discussion. In 2nd discussion was passed the bill on examinations at the Pelotas Veterinary Lyceum and Juiz de Fora Commercial Academy. Barão do Ladário spoke on naval affairs. — *Chamber of Deputies*.—The chamber voted the general revenue bill in 2nd discussion and one of the electoral bills in 2nd discussion. The budget of the department of interior was discussed at both the day and the night sitting.

Oct. 17.—*Senate*.—The senate in executive session confirmed the appointments of officers of the tribunal of accounts. — *Chamber of Deputies*.—The chamber voted with amendments the senate's electoral bill. It also voted in 2nd discussion part of the budget of the department of industry and

adopted a motion to ask the government for information in regard to smallpox in Pernambuco. It discussed the budget of the department of interior and the bill making a deficiency appropriation of 1,789,802\$70 for the navy department.

Oct. 19.—*Senate*.—The senate discussed the disturbance in São Paulo in August, the Alagoas railway and the Chopim railway. — *Chamber of Deputies*.—The voting of the budget of the department of industry was concluded. The chamber concurred in some of senate's amendments to the budget of the war department and rejected others.

Oct. 20.—*Senate*.—The senate discussed the budget of the navy department. — *Chamber of Deputies*.—The chamber discussed the general revenue bill.

Oct. 21.—*Senate*.—The senate discussed the budget of the navy department and the bill, introduced by Senator Coelho Rodrigues, for postponing to Feb. 3 the general congressional elections. — *Chamber of Deputies*.—At the day sitting the chamber discussed the general revenue bill and voted amendments to the federal district electoral bill. It also voted the following special and deficiency appropriations: 75,000\$ for the Catalão railway (3rd discussion); 2,500,280\$744 for the war department (2nd discussion); 1,789,802\$70 for the navy department (2nd discussion); 88,215\$806 for the war department (2nd discussion); 1,115,208\$500 for payment of arrears of indebtedness on account of the Baturité railway (3rd discussion). At both the day and the night sitting the chamber discussed the budget of the department of industry.

Oct. 22.—*Senate*.—The senate voted in 1st discussion the bill postponing to Feb. 3 the general congressional elections and that for establishing a revenue station at S. João de Barra. It discussed the Chopim railway bill. — *Chamber of Deputies*.—The chamber discussed the general revenue bill.

Oct. 23.—*Senate*.—The senate discussed the budget of the navy department. The bill for postponing the general congressional elections was voted in 2nd discussion with an amendment which designates the 30th of December as the day for holding those elections. — *Chamber of Deputies*.—The chamber discussed the budget of the department of industry.

#### PROVINCIAL NOTES

—There have been sent from Bahia 100 regular troops to prevent Antonio Conselheiro from taking possession of Petrolina.

—It is said that important and valuable marble quarries exist in the neighborhood of Bello Horizonte, Minas Geraes.

—There was an election in Alagoas on the 1st for seven senators and 30 deputies to the state legislature. The result was in favor of the federal party.

—Counterfeit notes are said to be circulating in Alagoas; but the governor of the state telegraphs that he knows nothing about it and is going to make inquiries.

—A telegram from Bahia states that Clementino de Mattos, defeated by the police at Lençóis and severely wounded, is retreating, pursued by Col. Polycarpo. His band, it is said, has been dispersed.

—A man was arrested in S. Paulo on the 5th inst. for attempting to pass five counterfeit 100\$ notes, 8th estampagem, Banco dos Estados Unidos do Brazil, No. 33,338. The notes were much used and were patched.

—Antonio Conselheiro and his followers are reported to be on the point of crossing the line between Bahia and Pernambuco. The authorities of the latter state are said to be preparing to send a force to meet them.

—On the 4th inst. the S. Paulo legislature voted a resolution, offered by Deputy Julio de Mesquita, asserting its solidarity with other constitutional authorities in the defence of the republic. Had there been any doubt of it expressed?

—The state of Piauí has lately been trying to achieve celebrity through the medium of electoral disturbances and violence. The opposition accuses the state authorities of interfering with the election, by driving voters away and tampering with the vote.

—The tribunal of justice of S. Paulo has refused to act on an application made by Dr. João Mendes for a writ of habeas corpus in favor of the Centro Monarchista and the Centro dos Estudantes Monarchistas. The excuse given is that his language is violent. Dr. Mendes has declared that he intends to appeal to the Supreme Court.

—The Italian consul in São Paulo having asked that the luggage of the immigrant Dolomoso Cezone be restored to him, the same having been lost, the S. Paulo authorities have referred the petition to the national inspector of immigration who will call upon the contractors A. Fioria & Co. for it. Who A. F. & Co. will apply to we can not conceive!

—The *Comercio de S. Paulo* is now carrying out the "silent protest" so dear to the Brazilian heart. When the police raided the monarchist meeting, an angry student's monarchist paper, the *Comercio* announced that it would no longer discuss Brazilian politics. And now it has nothing to say on that subject. It reminds us of the *Jornal do Commercio* during the naval revolt. How the republic is to exist under such a regime we do not know.

—We extract from *A Opinião*, of São Paulo, the following information in regard to the Canadian immigrants:—"Some of the recently-arrived, quartermen and painters, are finding work on the São Paulo railway. One of them, an Englishman, says he will remain in São Paulo, and with his labor will make his fortune. There is no doubt but what he will succeed. Whoever wishes to work in São Paulo will not die of hunger. But this is not the class which should emigrate for account of the government."

—In Itabaiana, Sergipe, the police delegate is said to have arrested a man for refusing to vote for Col. Valadão.

—There was a fight in S. Paulo on the evening of the 6th inst. between regulars and police soldiers, one of the former being gravely wounded.

—According to private sources of information from São Paulo some of the French Canadians who were supposed to be settled on plantations, are drifting back to that city, and it is feared that the whole crowd will soon be asking for assistance to return to Canada. This does not agree with the rose-colored statement just issued by the authorities.

—It is annouced that the São Paulo medical congress next year will be opened October 12th. It is expected to have plans presented for sanitary improvements in São Paulo, and for the extinction of yellow fever in South America. It is to be feared that the date selected is much too late in the season, as foreigners will not care to come at a time when the heat is becoming unpleasant. October 12th may do very well for sentimental reasons, but July 12th would have been much more practical.

—According to the published statements of Dr. João Mendes de Almeida, there seems to be no insouciance for monarchists in São Paulo. His appeals to the courts are simply disregarded. In the case of the monarchist club recently closed by the police, the furniture and other effects in the place were confiscated and sent to the *juiz das causas*. A republic ought to represent equal justice for all citizens, irrespective of their opinions, but this is apparently very far from being the case in the state of São Paulo.

#### RIO GRANDE DO SUL.

The general commercial and financial crisis seems to be intensely felt in the state of Rio Grande do Sul. The price of beans has risen to 40\$000 per bushel, and those of other articles of prime necessity are stated to have risen in proportion. Trade is reported to be almost completely paralyzed. At Bagé there continue to be bitter complaints against the custom-house authorities for refusing to permit the shipment of merchandise to towns in the interior. The minister of finance is said to have declined in answer to the complaints that they must apply to congress.

The newspaper *Rio Grande do Sul* has published an article vigorously protesting, in the name of the republic, against the suppression of monarchist clubs in S. Paulo and against the employment of troops to prevent ladies from carrying wreaths to the Paqueta cemetery.

There have circulated in Rio Grande reports of the arrests of Silveira Martins, Visconde de Ouro Preto and other prominent men, but they have since been contradicted.

At Santa Anna do Livramento some days ago there was a fight between 13 Uruguayan and soldiers of the 18th battalion of infantry. Two of the former were wounded.

Paulista Telles has been threatening to assault Castilhos' chief-of-police, Borges de Medeiros; but the *Federação*, Castilhos' organ, says that precautions have been taken for protecting the person of the chief.

In the *Opinião Publica* of the 5th inst. Dr. Piratino de Almeida published a card confirming the report of his withdrawal from public life.

Rio Grande papers assert that there is little security for life or property at Livramento, Quaraí, Alegria and other towns on the border. Rio Grande papers state that one of the police stations was recently attacked by a sergeant and four privates of the 11th regiment of cavalry. The assailants were repulsed, the sergeant and one of the privates being wounded.

At a meeting of the liberal party held in Porto Alegre on the 7th inst. Pedro Moacyr, Barros Cassal and André Faria were nominated candidates for congress in the 1st district.

Major Pedro Nunes Baptista, a prominent castilian, has announced through the press his withdrawal from public life.

At Porto Alegre Ensign João Baptista da Silva Barros, of the 4th battalion of infantry, has been arrested on the charge of having lost at the gambling-table 8,000\$ intended to pay the soldiers.

#### RAILROAD NOTES

—The first section of the Theresopolis railway was opened on the 1st inst. It runs from Piedade, at the head of the bay, to Bananal at the foot of the *serra*, a distance of 22 kilometres. When completed it is expected that the journey will be made in two hours, and one of the finest mountain health resorts in the neighborhood of this capital will then be open to daily intercourse.

—The Leopoldina & Co., bondholders' committee notifies that bonds of the following issues—Leopoldina Railway six per cent loan, 1884, for £500,000, the five per cent loan, 1888, for £2,000,000, and the five per cent loan, 1890, for £1,150,000; Macahé and Campos five per cent loan, 1888, for £800,000, and the five per cent loan, 1889, for £500,000; Rio de Janeiro and Northern six per cent loan, 1887, for £250,000; and Rio de Janeiro and Northern (Grão Pará division) five per cent loan, 1888-90, for £1,350,000, can only be recovered upon the terms of payment originally fixed—viz., 2.50—6d. per £100—by the committee's bankers, Messrs. Barclay and Co., Limited, 54, Lombard-street, E. C., on or before November 14 next, after which date the terms of deposit will be reconsidered and due notice given.—*Financial News*, Oct. 20.

#### COFFEE NOTES

—According to all reports the blossoming this year is most promising for the next crop. The September drought served to hold back the blossoms somewhat, but the hot weather since, broken by occasional rains, has brought them out profusely. Should no accidents occur the next crop will be large.

—During the month of October 420,833 bags of coffee were embarked at the D. Pedro II docks in this city, against 262,765 in the same month of last year.

—A São Paulo telegram of the 7th inst. says: "In some municipalities of the interior the coffee blossoming is enormous, a large crop being expected."

—Some planters of the municipality of Itapeirininga, São Paulo, have informed the local paper that the coffee blossoming is so full that if a half of the blossoms develop into fruit the crop will be enormous.

## LOCAL NOTES

—The President has signed the Sergipe amnesty bill.

—Gen. Bernardo Vasques restored the office of minister of war on Wednesday last.

—The British minister to this capital, C. E. H. Phillips, Esq., embarked for Brazil on the 2nd inst.

—It is said that the minister of foreign affairs will reside in Tijuca during the coming hot season.

—Had Col. Moreira Cesar any legal warrant for the act of violence which he committed towards the commander of the *Itaipá*?

—Art. 72, § 2, of the Brazilian constitution, interpreted by Brazilian republicans:—All are equal before the law—excepting those who suffer at the hands of Col. Moreira Cesar.

—On Sunday President Cleveland and the King of Portugal were elected honorary presidents of the Historical Institute of this city.

—A heavy rain visited this city on the 5th and brought a welcome relief from the intense heat which had prevailed for the two or three preceding days.

—Art. 72, § 11, of the Brazilian constitution, interpreted by Brazilian republicans:—Every person's house is an inviolable asylum—unless it belongs to a political adversary of the government.

—Vice-President Manoel Victorino arrived here on his return from Bahia on the 6th inst. It is said, on good authority, this hurried visit home was for the purpose of taking leave of his family.

—A society for the prevention of cruelty to animals was organized in this city last week. A similar society was organized some years ago, but it failed to prosper and its members finally decided to dissolve it.

—Art. 72, § 8, of the Brazilian constitution, interpreted by Brazilian republicans:—It is lawful for all to join together and freely assemble without arms—except at the house of a political adversary of the government.

—On the 3rd a private of the police brigade attempted to commit suicide by throwing himself across the rails before an electric car on the Carioca line. The motor-man was too quick for him though and stopped his car in time to save the man's life.

—Art. 82 of the Brazilian constitution, interpreted by Brazilian republicans:—Public functionaries are strictly responsible for their abuses and omissions in the performance of their official functions—provided always that this does not apply to Col. Moreira Cesar.

—Some of the members of the national (jacobin) party have bolted under the lead of Aníbal Mascarenhas. The remainder remain as their leader Admiral Jeronymo Gonçalves. Were it not so vindictive and dangerous, the jacobin party would be highly amusing.

—Since Col. Moreira Cesar's arrival the jacobins have been very much in evidence. Several disorders have occurred and they are apparently assuming that the happy days of the Floriano regime have again returned. From all appearances they are resolved to make trouble.

—On Sunday at the Turf-Club races a large number of spectators crowded into the grand stand for the purpose of witnessing a fight between soldiers and civilians. The railing gave way under the pressure and many persons were thrown to the ground and wounded. Fortunately none of the wounds, it is stated, are dangerous.

—The many old Rio friends of Mr. R. C. Shannon, for many years connected with the Botanical Garden tramway line, will be glad to hear that he was re-nominated for congress in the 13th New York district and that the sweeping victory gained by his party last week unquestionably secured his election. This will be Mr. Shannon's second term in congress.

—Two short sections of street, that of Rua do General Camara between 10 de Maio and Candelária, and that of Rua de Theophilo Otton between Quitanda and Ourives, are being laid with asphalt pavement. The property-holders of those sections are contributing toward the cost of the improvement. It is a pity one long stretch of street can not be laid at once.

—The *Notícia* of last Thursday says that Gen. Dyonisio Cerqueira, while occupying *ad interim* the office of minister of war, gave proof of his devotion to the republic by acts which, when they become known, will be highly appreciated. Is one of these the courageous act of preventing ladies from entering the cemetery at Paqueta with wreaths to place on the graves of the dead?

—We regret to hear that the American minister has been ill for some days past, but we are glad to say that it was nothing serious.

—Is there any law authorizing the commander of a detachment of soldiers to examine wreaths carried to a cemetery and to refuse admittance to such as fail to obtain his approval?

—Another proposition of congress—this time to December 10th—is now spoken of. No better proof is needed of the absolute uselessness of this congress for the work it has in hand.

—It is a curious fact that the *Estrella Polar* of Pelreira, São Paulo, of the 25th ult., repeated the long exploded story about the disappearance of the Juana Fernandez island in March last. We take pleasure in advising our co-delegate that the island is still to be seen, and is of full size.

—We take much pleasure in noting that the Equitable has recently appointed Mr. T. T. Watson, formerly manager of that company's business on this coast, as general manager of its business in the western states. He will be located at Chicago, where he entered the company's service twenty-six years ago.

—There is something very curious about our cable news service. Not long since we were informed by cable of the election of Alfernan Fandell Phillips as lord mayor of London, and yet newspapers received about the same time state that the said election occurred Sept. 29. Is it possible that our cable news are unmanufactured from the newspapers received on this side?

—The prefect has resolved to strictly enforce the municipal ordinances against the deposit of rubbish, garbage, dead animals, etc., in the public streets. This is well, but at the same time he should provide a better service for the removal of such things from private houses. It would be extremely inconvenient for a householder to keep a dead cat in the house for three or four days.

—The jacobins very appropriately celebrated the arrival of Col. Moreira Cesar and his battalion on Tuesday by making disturbances. They assaulted Col. Acindin to a barber's shop on Rua da Assembleia, Lieut. Vinhaes in a confectionery on Largo de S. Francisco de Paula and several other persons. The *Gazeta da Tarde* was threatened with an attack, but the threat was, fortunately, not executed.

—It is pleasing to note that the London correspondence of the *Jornal do Commercio*, which was published on the 4th inst., discreetly omits the extraordinary telegram of the 15th ult. from the editor of that paper to the *Times*, and gives a long excerpt from the *South American Journal* which the *Jornal* occasionally denounces as "substandard." Necessity sometimes makes strange bedfellows, surely!

—On Thursday night soldiers of the 7th battalion "Moreira-Cesarized" the café at No. 1 C Rua da Guarda Velha. The proprietor succeeded in effecting his escape, but his furniture and cockery were reduced to a pilable state. The soldiers' excuse for this demonstration was that the proprietor wished to collect pay for the beverages which they had consumed. Of course that was an unpardonable insult to the republic!

—For the past fortnight reports have been daily current of the intention of the President to resign, and also of conspiracies for his deposition. It is now openly said that the military element will not permit Manoel Victorino to succeed to the presidency, as he is legally entitled to do under the constitution. He is not a favorite with the jacobins and the military agitators, and the late activity of these two disturbing elements gives some foundation for the reports.

—In the Senate on Saturday Gen. Pires Ferreira made a violent attack on the governor of Paraíba, whom he called a petty tyrant and accused of having caused voters to be shot because they attempted to exercise the right of suffrage. Criminal governments, he said, should be treated like criminals. This is certainly true, but, if the general had said it in the time of Floriano, he would have gone to prison and probably been shot. And yet the general was a flunziest and voted for the resolution endorsing all the crimes of Floriano and his subordinates.

—The editor of the *Jornal do Commercio*, in his unsuccessful effort to defend his conduct towards another journalist, claims the right to say what he deems advisable without regard to consequences. He should not, then, deny this right to the *Times* correspondent, who, in the performance of his duty of furnishing news to the paper which he represents, appears to have been so fortunate as to protect the public from the schemes of those who are endeavoring, for purposes which in time will doubtless be disclosed, to conceal the nature and extent of the present commercial and financial crisis in Brazil.

—The chief of police, when informed of the threatened attack on the office of the *Gazeta da Tarde*, is said to have advised the proprietor to defend the establishment and the lives of his employees in any way he deemed most efficacious. This advice is significant and conservative men would do well to meet and adopt an organized plan of self-defense and mutual protection during the troublous times that are apparently coming. The object of such a step would not be to shield any one from the legitimate consequences of his acts, but merely to see that he is treated in conformity with law and justice.

—The minister of marine has given orders for the cutting, at the marine arsenal, of a granite shaft four metres long, to be placed on a masonry foundation, which is to be erected on Trindade Island. On the four sides of its base will be inscribed: "Discovered in 1501 by João da Nova, incorporated under the dominion to Portugal in 1603 by Afonso de Albuquerque. Occupied in 1781 by England and restored to Portugal in 1782. Incorporated in the empire of Brazil in 1823 in virtue of its independence. Transitorily occupied by England in 1895 and restored to the republic of the United States of Brazil in 1896."

## THE PRESIDENT.

For some days past the condition of the President has been far from satisfactory. On the 1st inst. the attendant physicians reported malarial complications, but stated that the wound caused by the operation was healing satisfactorily. Since then the reports have shown considerable restlessness at times, and finally an opening of the wound. His temperature continues low, however, and he resists comparatively well. Last night's report (1 a.m.) was not so favorable, stating he had not slept as well as the preceding night and that the debility continues.

## PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

—The editor of *The News* desires to thank his colleague of *Don Quixote* for the courtesy and complimentary allusions contained in his last number. It is quite what he expected from Angelo Agostini, and does credit to his independence and love of fair play. And it is all the more to be appreciated when compared with the contemptible ill-will of *A Brasa*.

*Pelôres, Leis e Convenios* for the regular collection of the impost upon the exportation of coffee. A compilation of the various acts regulating the imposition and collection of the export duties on coffee, made by Messrs. Newlands and Pereira Sampaio. The collection will be useful for those who wish to study the question, but it will not convince everyone that the proposed monopoly in coffee *grais* is a satisfactory settlement of this complicated dispute.

*Brazilian Exchange: the Study of an Inconvertible Currency*; by J. P. Wileman, C. E. Buenos Aires, 1896. This small volume of 260 odd pages discusses a question of the very highest importance to this country, and in a manner which renders it deserving careful and thoughtful consideration. From the lucid exposition of the subject which Mr. Wileman gave to the readers of *The News* some months ago, it must be admitted that he understands the question thoroughly, and that his opinions are worthy of consideration. The book is divided into two principal sections: "International Exchange," and "Nominal Exchange, or the Local Depreciation of the Currency." These two phases of the question are hopelessly confused here, and it is full time that their differences should be explained. Mr. Wileman's book is written in English, but we shall hope to soon hear of a Portuguese edition.

## DEATH.

MANSFIELD.—On 7th November 1896, ELIZABETH ANN (Betsey), eldest daughter of the late James Enery and Ann Beesley Mansfield, 240 Praia de Botafogo, Rio de Janeiro. R. I. P. New York, Manchester and Belfast papers please copy.

## BUSINESS NOTES

—The *Opinião* of São Paulo says:—"The *Reporter* has disappeared. It was born at a banquet and came to an end at an auction."

—The Pernambuco senate has telegraphed to congress, asking for an extension of the period which by the legislation now in force must elapse before restricting the coast trade, as the constitution requires, to Brazilian vessels.

—In the *A pedidos* of the *Jornal do Commercio* there has appeared a communication signed by three persons who say that they bought 3,364 Sorocabana debentures for Poyares from Antonio Francisco Pereira, a planter residing near Bicas, who had been recommended by Eldibrando Cris-cima, ex-employee of Banker Mayrink.

—The receipts of cane sea at this port for the three years from 1893 to 1895, inclusive, amounted to 157,391,528 kilos from the River Plate and 5,846,874 kilos from Rio Grande do Sul. During the first 9 months of the present year the quantity imported was 41,508,200 kilos from the River Plate and 159,130 kilos from Rio Grande.

—Yesterday's *Paiz* publishes a letter from Curitiba merchants complaining that they are unable to collect money due them from the government to the amount of 80,000. One of them, it is stated, will have to close his establishment, if he is not paid before the 24th inst. They say that they write to the *Paiz* because it is the only journal that the government respects.

—Sorocabana debentures said to be counterfeit have recently appeared in this market. The police have been investigating the matter at the instance of interested parties and several witnesses have been examined. A telegram of the 5th inst from São Paulo says that these debentures were sent to this city by the house of Poyares and that they are genuine. Subsequent investigations, however, show them to be false.

—On Friday Antonio Joaquim Machado Pereira, of the firm of Sotto Major & Co., delivered to police delegate Carlió 2,000 of the alleged counterfeit Sorocabana debentures. These had been previously discovered 3,774, and the total number in circulation is supposed to be 15,000. In São Paulo on the same day Broker Poyares and his son and José Queiroz de Lacerda, director of the Banco do Commercio e Industria, gave evidence on the subject in the presence of the secretary of justice.

—It gives us much gratification to see that the London correspondent of the *Jornal do Commercio* attaches so much importance to *The Rio News* that he considers it necessary to advise us by cable when *The Financial News* quotes from us. All advertisers and subscribers will please take notice. We have no intention of increasing our rates in virtue of this appreciated notoriety, but we intend to invest in a new subscription ledger in which to record the names of those who must now feel that they can not do without the paper.

—Brazil has always hitherto so honourably met her foreign engagements that it did not seem possible that there could be any foundation for the rumour that the interest of the 1889 four per cent. loan was to be paid in currency. It is satisfactory, however, to have the assurance of the delegate of the Brazilian Treasury in London that he is officially authorised to state the such a thing has never been proposed, and that in the budget for 1897 the necessary provisions have been made for the service of the internal and external debt, as usual.—*Financial News*, Oct. 20.

—On the 8th ult., two days before the appearance of that much criticised telegram to *The Times*, the New York *Journal of Commerce* published an interview with a member of the firm of W. H. Crossman & Bro. on the situation in Brazil, which was prefaced by the following statement:—"Private cables to merchants in this city from Brazil quote a serious condition of financial and commercial affairs in that country. The troubles began with the failure of Fias Hermanos several weeks ago with liabilities exceeding \$2,000,000, and cables quote several failures and rumors of failures daily." The director of the *Jornal do Commercio* should make a note of this.

—We do not credit the story, but it is said that one of the Netherby aldermen, in his zeal to protect that municipality against the exportation of their beef supply to Rio de Janeiro, actually contemplated presenting a project of municipal law for the imposition of a beef tax on all residents of that city who cross daily into Rio to transact business. He argued that it is exactly the same in principle whether a man carries his morning's beef steak across the bay in his stomach, or in a basket, or in a piece of brown paper. In the former case it would be difficult to determine the quantity carried out of the municipality, but he thought it could be closely approximated by having each passenger gauged at the ferry station and taxed accordingly. "We are glad to say, however, that the project was not presented for approval."

## FINANCIAL NOTES

—"It is becoming urgent that the minister of finance should take notice of what is going on in Alagoas. It is reported to us that in this state thousands of counterfeit notes are circulating and, what is more, there are interested in this emission persons of high position, whose names have been suggested to us."—*Jornal do Commercio*, Nov. 4th.

—A contributor to the *Jornal do Commercio* of Saturday last on the subject of "Paper Money," prefaces his discussion with the astounding statement:—"The financial policy of inflation originated in the United States of North America." Is it possible that Sr. Angelo do Amaral has never heard of the French *assignats*, which were first issued in 1789, and by 1795 reached the enormous aggregate of over 45,000,000,000 francs and were then quoted at 288 francs paper for 1 franc gold?

—The October returns from various custom-houses show the following receipts, compared with those of the corresponding month of last year:

	1896	1895
Rio de Janeiro....	9,848,480\$321	8,764,872\$111
Santos.....	3,326,109\$801	3,320,234\$388
Bahia.....	2,207,148 576	1,857,419 075
Para.....	1,680,004\$709	1,393,457\$878
Porto Alegre.....	1,017,441 302	1,217,948 417
Rio Grande do Sul.....	704,013\$240	557,423\$199
Pelotas.....	243,532 017	.....
Uruguayana.....	78,487 266	465,730 901
Victoria.....	113,514 724	112,083 667
Ceará.....	246,345 201	.....
Penedo.....	1,802 181	14,434 994
Natal.....	29,196 385	26,928 588
Janguá.....	206,133 516	114,032 591

—The following statement shows the amount of cash at the various banks of this city according to their balance-sheets of the 31st ult.:

British Bank of South America....	15,137,172\$620
London and Brazilian Bank.....	13,878,748 310
Banco Rural e Hypothecario.....	8,145,739 109
Banco Commercial.....	3,226,885 623
Banco da Lavoura e do Com- mercio.....	3,012,430 109
Banco do Commercio.....	4,302,479 952
Banco Nacional Brasileiro.....	9,075,339 208
Brasilianische Bank für Deutsch- land.....	20,944,891 351
Banco da Republica do Brazil.....	35,128,860 984
Banco de Depositos e Descontos.....	674,247 690
Banco Credito Rural e Interna- cional.....	97,941 447
Banco Constructor.....	30,994 765
Banco Rio e Matto Grosso.....	50,250 872
Banco Hypothecario do Brazil.....	234,472 908



### Touching at intermediate ports.

Portuguese		Nepalese		Tibetan	
1st Margaidia.....	666	Sept 14	Ulla do Sai.....	2nd Ma'le's & C.	
2nd Pusi.....	350	23	Oporito.....	Macedo Jr. & Co.	
3rd 3 Amigos.....	170	Oct. 3	Macao.....	Sal. Nussdorf	
4th Venturoso.....	140	12	Oporito.....	Macedo Jr. & Co.	
5th Sophia.....	405	12	Oporito.....	J. A. C. Santos	
6th Agios.....	234	25	Ancacuj.....	To order	
				Com. Nac. Co	
<b>Razias</b>					
1st Vestra.....	584	Sept 27	Hue Vista.....	G. Sabaio & C.	
2nd Lilly.....	353	Nov. 7	Nurkuping.....	Hue Cool & Co.	
				Geral da C. & L.	

<i>Capital</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Per</i>	<i>Last Feb.</i>	
10,000,000 ₭	Alfama	205½	.. Aug. 56	— 175,000
6,000,000	Rizal Industrial	205	6100 Aug. 56	1200 000— 140 000
3,000,000	Concepcion	205	2000 Jan. 56	— 180 000
2,000,000	Concepcion Industrial	205	400 Aug. 56	
500,000	D. Isbell	205	4 00 Jan. 56	
1,800,000	Infantina Murda	205	100 Feb. 56	
1,500,000	Manufactura Fluminense	205	3 00 Mar. 56	
400,000	Petropolis	210	2000 Mar. 56	
500,000	S. Pedro de Alcantara	210	— July 56	
360,000	Santa Luzia	200	8 00 July 56	— 160 000

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2.

On board I gave some of the *Nectandra Amara* wine, which I had brought with me for my own use, and it helped us all a great deal against the sea-sickness. Dr. Homero Ottoni who was one of the passengers on the steamer, gave some of the passengers. Tincture of *Nectandra Amara*; and asking him for a Testimonial, he did it with great pleasure, saying that in Guaratinguá, where he exercised his profession as a physician, he had applied it continuously in case of gastric-intestinal complaints with very good results.

Some of the other passengers also promised me testimonials which I shall forward to you as soon as I receive them. Aymoré, 15th November 1892. AUGUSTO DE ALMEIDA MACALDAS.

3.

Santos, 25th December 1894.

I beg to thank you again for the two bottles of Tincture of *Nectandra Amara*, which you were kind enough to offer me and I take great pleasure in informing you of the splendid results obtained on board the *s/s Ayntine* on my last voyage south. At the dinner table I noticed the absence of some friends and learned on inquiry that they had retired to their cabins, being down with sea-sickness.

I looked them up and after taking some *Nectandra Amara*, I had the great satisfaction to see them later on in the evening on deck, completely re-established.

Still more: my cabin partner, an Uruguayan, who was on his return to his country, told me that he suffered on board from sea-sickness to such an extent, that he had never been able to leave the cabin or to walk, such was his disposition to vomit whenever he attempted to get up from his bed. Very well, with even that passenger I obtained a complete victory by giving him some *Nectandra* in the afternoon and at night; the next morning I had the great joy to find him on deck, where, on seeing me, he thanked me many times, asking me at the same time for the name of the medicine, as he intended to buy some of it on our arrival at Santos.

Myself, I fortunately did not suffer from that complaint, and had therefore no necessity to make use of your powerful preparation; as you see, however, it had all desired effect whenever it was wanted. Yours etc. ERNANI PINTO.

4.

Pernambuco, on board *s/s Alagoas*, 17th January 1895.

It was really at an opportune moment when you had the kindness to offer me your most excellent preparation, the Tincture of *Nectandra Amara*, because when on board, I was very ill and became sea-sick, due in all probability to the long time that I had not undertaken a sea voyage.

I took some of your medicine with a very good result and beg to thank you therefore most sincerely for your kind offer. Herewith please find three testimonials of some fellow-passengers, who were also benefited, like myself, by the use of that medicine.

I shall feel grateful if you will use this letter at your own discretion and have the honor to be, Yours sincerely, ANTONIO PINTO DE MORAES.

5.

Lisbon, Feb. 15th, 1895.

Mr. Joaquim Bueno de Miranda—It is a duty demanded by justice that I should inform you that the Tincture of *Nectandra Amara*, which I gave to companions for sea-sickness, was successful far beyond my expectation. I don't know whether I ought to confess that I myself, being always indisposed when in travel, have for the first time miraculously succeeded in making a pleasant journey, which I can only attribute to the use of your remedy. I well remember the reluctance with which I accepted your samples for any one who loses 20 years in the drug business has almost the right to doubt the efficacy of any remedy that is announced. Wishing you much success in our business, I am, yours truly,—JOSE CESAR DE MATTOS.

Rua Augusta n. 265.

6.

Santo Thirso (Portugal), March 16th, 1895.

Mr. Joaquim Bueno de Miranda.—My dear Sir:—I arrived here, after a pleasant voyage, on the 13th on February. My wife, who suffered very much, obtained relief from sea-sickness by taking the pills and tincture of *Nectandra Amara*, which were very beneficial to all the passengers among whom I distributed those with which you thoughtfully presented me. Hoping that you are enjoying good health, I am, yours truly, JOSE J. PEREIRA BORGES.

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